

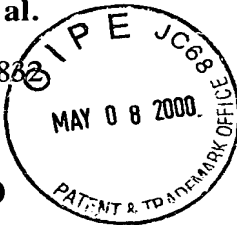
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: **EBNER, et al.**

Application Number: 09/115,882

Filed: July 15, 1998

Title: **INTERLEUKIN-20**



Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Draper, G.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 8, 1999 (Paper No. 12), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of time of two (2) months to and including May 8, 2000, with appropriate fee; (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; and (c) a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of references AH-AO. Please amend the application as follows.

***In the Title:***

Please delete the title as originally filed "INTERLEUKIN-20" and replace therefor with the new title --POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING INTERLEUKIN-20--.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims ~~17~~, ~~18~~, ~~39~~, and ~~40~~ without prejudice.

Please amend claims ~~23~~ and ~~48~~ as follows:

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~~23~~. (Once Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: